

Recd July 24,

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Lincoln Co. N. C. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Dear Sir

After a very considerable delay, much longer than I at first intended, I avail myself of a leisure moment to reply to your communication of last November.

I have just placed in the hands of a merchant a small box of plants directed to Dr. Torrey, comprising additional specimens of all those marked with an asterisk, beside a few others. These I wish you to examine & yourself or Dr. T. to give me the result. As I collect as many plants as the arduous duties of the medical profession will permit you may expect to receive from me, at regular intervals, the most interesting plants from this portion of North Carolina - principally those doubtful to me but perhaps old acquaintances of yours.

Dr. T. left several plants "undetermined" of my former box, and two or three he considered new. To these I would call your attention particularly a small Poa, from 4-6 inches high, of which I have furnished good specimens.

As regards the Diamorpha pusilla of which you wished live specimens, it was not at that time found in this State. I have lately discovered it in Lincoln Co. N. C. on Flat rocks. There is an ambiguity about <sup>locality of this</sup> ~~this~~ plant which I will endeavor to clear up. Michaux's noted locality (The flat Rock) & revisited by Nuttall is not in North Carolina, but about 18 miles from the town of Camden in South Carolina. This rock is one of the largest <sup>granites</sup> in the United States; with numerous basins, some of them



curiously hollowed out, and presents a superficial area of 5 or 6 acres. There is a County in North Carolina in the north eastern corner of the State called Camden, but entirely removed from the granitic or primitive district to which ~~it~~<sup>this plant</sup> is confined. In still farther confirmation of this view of the subject Elliott says it "grows on the Flat Rock near Camden South Carolina". So that this rare and interesting little plant has now been found in three States of the Union. By Murchaux, its discoverer, on the Flat Rock, near Camden S. C.; by Dr. Leavenworth in the upper part of Georgia, & by myself in Lincoln Co. N. C. — I have transplanted fifteen or twenty specimens in a small box which are growing finely. From these I intend to save seed & furnish you in the Fall —

I have enclosed you two small specimens of *Diamorpha pusilla* which may possibly reach you before they get too dry to grow — It is quite tenacious of life, & can be easily transplanted. The others marked I will endeavor to supply —

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient, I believe me

Yours sincerely

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May 28<sup>th</sup>

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